



AGREEMENT IS REACHED

Moroccan Delegates Agree in Some Details.

MEETING HARMONIOUS

Delegates Unanimous on Necessity of Stopping Introduction of Contraband.

BRITAIN'S ATTITUDE FORMAL

Yesterday's Meeting Strengthens Belief That Results of Conference Will Be Satisfactory. Only Danger is in Britain's Stiff Attitude.

ALGERIRAS, Jan. 18.—At today's session the delegates to the Moroccan conference practically reached an agreement for a plan for the repression of contraband entering Morocco. The fear that this question would lead to Franco-German tension as to who would carry out the measure appears underground. The only divergence was from the Moroccan delegates who stated they would not permit repression or hunting arms without first consulting the Sultan.

The delegates were in accordance upon the necessity for all the powers, including Morocco, of passing laws penalizing the introduction of contraband. Today's meeting strengthened the feeling that the results of the conference will be satisfactory. One danger lies in Great Britain's stiff attitude. France is disposed to discuss with Germany the basis of the agreement, but whether Great Britain is in favor of such a discussion is not known. It appears underground. The question is reconciled by the proposal by the Spanish delegates pointing out that France and Spain having territory contiguous to Morocco, will be charged with surveillance of the frontier. This is agreed to by the Germans. It is the only divergence.

TRAIN WRECKED.

EL PASO, Jan. 18.—The south bound Mexican Central train was wrecked near Chihuahua, Mexico today. Two were killed, and sixteen injured.

UGLY CHARGES.

Officers of Sailing schooner Used Inhuman Methods on Crew
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 18.—A searching investigation regarding the treatment and the brutality of the officers of the sailing schooner John and Winthrop, is being made. The charges are made by Hubb Dirksawager, and secretary of the Board of Trade, Holland, that his son was harpooned by

the first mate Hiller and the crew starved and beaten by Hiller and Captain Shorey.

LIKES PRISON.

Centenarian Released from Prison Wants to Go Back.
AGRAM, Hungary, Jan. 18.—Ivan Balencuk, 103 years old, was released from fifty years confinement in prison today. He protested tearfully against his release and committed another crime in order to be re-imprisoned.

KILLED ALL SIX.

Circumstances Point to Sextuple Murder at Pembroke.
PEMBROKE, N. H. Jan. 18.—While the official report of the Ayer's tragedy at North Pembroke will not be completed for several days, the authorities believe money matters were the cause of the trouble. Their theory is that Ayers quarrelled with and shot his mother-in-law, that his wife tried to protect her mother, and hoping to conceal the evidence, Ayers put an end to the lives of the other six members of the family and fired the dwelling.

EASY MONEY.

VANCOUVER, Wash. Jan. 18.—(Special)—Wharren Zurbrick tonight defeated Young Mansfield in the first round of what was to have been a twenty round go.

TRIAL OF PACKERS

Meat Men Appear in the Federal Court.

CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY

Packers and Attorneys Under Indictment for Conspiracy to Constrain Trade and Commerce—Defendants Claim Immunity from Prosecution.

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—The trial of the special pleas of J. Ogden Armour, and other packers and the attorneys under indictment for conspiracy to constrain trade and commerce opened late today before Judge Humphrey in the Federal District Court. Among the defendants present in court, were, J. Ogden Armour, Charles W. Armour, Edward Morris, Charles F. Swift, Edward Morris and Edward Cudahy. The issue is over the contention of the packers that the government should not prosecute them under the indictments found, because they are entitled to immunity. The Result of the hearing begun today will determine the government's right to proceed to trial under the present indictments. Attorney Miller for the packers made the opening statement but at the close of the session, had not concluded and the case went over until tomorrow.

TAKEN TO PEN.

Suspected Murderer of Steunenberg Lodged in Penitentiary.
BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 18.—Harry Orchard, accused of the murder of Ex-Governor Steunenberg was brought to the penitentiary today to prevent a possible attempt to liberate him.

EXPLOSION IS TERRIBLE

Terrific Explosion Occurred in Coal Mine.

HILLS ARE SHAKEN

Noise of Explosion is Heard Twenty-Five Miles Away.

MINE ENTRANCE IS BLOCKED

Tons of Wreckage Were Hurled From Mouth of the Mine Blocking the Entrance and Making the Work of Rescue Difficult.

CHARLESTON, Va., Jan. 18.—Eighteen men are believed to be killed by a terrific explosion today in the mine the Detroit and Kanawha Coal Co., at Detroit, twenty-five miles from here. The explosion occurred at the noon hour and to this fact hundreds of men owe their lives.

The force of the explosion was so great that hills trembled. Tons of wreckage were hurled from the mouth of the mine blocking the entrance and making the work of rescue difficult.

The first body reached was discovered 150 yards from the entrance. The Mine superintendent states others were working much further back and there are no hopes of reaching them until tomorrow. Even though the men survived the explosion, they would be almost certain to fall victims to the afterdamp. The cause of the explosion is not yet determined, but is thought due to a blast of ignited dust which accumulated in the mine.

WAS UNDER ESTIMATED.

Report of Bureau of Statistics on Cotton Crop Was Too Low.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Keep, Chairman of the so-called "Keep Committee" in his report to the President states in every instance except the three last cotton crops in three years estimates have been underestimated. This is especially great in the cereal crops and livestock. The conclusion of the committee is that the methods of the bureau must be greatly improved or the service discontinued.

TO KILL SCALE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 18.—Some months ago a parasite which kills the purple scale, a deadly foe of orange trees in Southern California, was found in China. Many of its eggs were sent to this city by an agent of the State Horticultural Department of California, but unfortunately the eggs did not hatch. This failure suggested an attempt to bring the parasites here alive and in shape to do business, so a number of orange trees were shipped to China from this state, and upon their arrival there they were transported several hundred miles into the interior, to the province that is the home of the enemy of the purple scale. Then the parasite made its home in the imported trees which were then taken back to the sea coast, and after a time were placed on a steamer for San Francisco. They reached here on the last steamer in good condition after their long journey by sea and land, and are now being watched with constant care. If the parasites on them live and thrive, the problem of relief for the Southern California Orange

groves has been solved. If not, a second shipment of trees to China will be made.

"AUNT LIZZIE" DIES.

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—Mrs. Elizabeth Aiken, 89 years old, famous in the Civil War and familiarly known to Grand Army Veterans as "Aunt Lizzie" died yesterday at her home here after an illness of three days.

CLEVELAND ILL.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Former President Grover Cleveland left the home of Paul Morton yesterday and is now with Dr. Joseph Bryant, his physician.

RIGA UNSAFE.

Influx of Country Agitators Into Riga Causes Alarm.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 18.—Two further battalions were today dispatched to the Baltic provinces to crush the revolt in the islands of the coast region. A Telegram from General Sollogub states the pacification of Estonia and Livonia is progressing satisfactorily, but lagging in Courland. Twenty of the principal leaders of the insurrection were arrested and eight were executed. A telegram says it is reported that Riga is again unsafe owing to the influx of agitators from the country districts.

REFUSES TO TELL

Poultny Bigelow Before Senate Canal Committee.

WILL NOT ANSWER QUESTIONS

Magazine Writer who Arranged Isthmian Canal Commission and Was Answered by Taft, Will Not Tell Senate Committee Where He Got Information

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Poultny Bigelow, the magazine writer, whose arraignment of the administration and management of the Isthmian Canal affairs in an article in the Independent, was denounced by secretary of War Taft, proved a contemptuous witness before the senate committee on inter oceanic canals today. The recalcitrance of the witness was shown as a result of the statement by him that many eminent engineers had declined employment on the Isthmian states in every instance except the three last cotton crops in three years estimates have been underestimated. This is especially great in the cereal crops and livestock. The conclusion of the committee is that the methods of the bureau must be greatly improved or the service discontinued.

Senator Morgan warned the witness in such a manner as seemed to commit the committee to punishment if he continued to bring himself in contempt but the advice was of no avail. In executive session it developed the committee agreed that Bigelow's offense was of such a nature there can be no doubt of the committee's power to have him dealt with summarily.

Part of the committee favored steps to secure his immediate prosecution. But they were opposed by Gorman on the ground that it would prevent the further examination of other subjects mentioned in the article. The committee adjourned without action, commanding Bigelow to hold himself ready to appear tomorrow.

DAM BREAKS.

EVANSTON, Wyo., Jan. 18.—The breaking of the Union Pacific Ice dam above this city today flooded the lower part of town. No lives were lost but people were compelled to flee from their homes.

EX-GOVERNOR POISONED

Peabody and Family Narrowly Escape Death.

EAT POISONED FOOD

Partake of Breakfast and Are at Once Made Deathly Sick.

ATTEMPTS TO DESTROY FAMILY

Former Governor Peabody of Colorado, has Received Many Threatening Letters and Poisoning Episode Is Thought to Be Result of Malice.

DENVER, Jan. 18.—A News special from Canon City says that former governor Peabody, his wife and daughter ate poisoned food for breakfast this morning and the daughter, Miss Cora, is dangerously ill. Governor and Mrs. Peabody, though sick, several hours, recovered. The physicians state that unless the condition of the young lady changes for the worse tonight Mystery surrounds the affair. Enough was gleaned from the family tonight to show it is the belief that an attempt was made to destroy the entire family.

An intimate friend of Peabody's said several letters were received recently by the governor calling attention to the Steunenberg murder and threatening him with a similar fate. Peabody will not state where he thinks the responsibility rests until after an investigation.

IN BAD FIX.

Crew of French Ship Live Live Six Months on Improper Diet.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 18.—With all hands except the skipper and mate sick as a result of living nearly half a year on improper diet, in need of extensive repairs and with barely sufficient canvas remaining to give her headway the French ship Biarritz arrived today from Cardiff. Four sailors are in a serious plight.

HIGH MASON ARRESTED.

NEWARK, Ohio, Jan. 18.—Lewis P. Schauer, recently installed Grand Master of the Ohio Masons, was arrested today on the charge of wrong doing in connection with the failure of the Newark Savings Bank of which he is president.

ISLANDS ANNEXED.

As Territory.
VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 18.—The England Annexes the Ashore Islands, steamer Moana from Australia today

brought news of the annexation by Great Britain of the Ashmore Islands lying between Timor and Kings Sound. Five persons were drowned at Auckland as the result of the sinking of steamer Kapanni after colliding with the Claymore.

A sickening scene was witnessed at the execution of an Arab at Koumea. The executioner, a novice, bungled in operating the guillotine, the knife not decapitating the victim until it had descended three times. Six whites were massacred by the natives off Port Keats, while sleeping.

RURAL ENGLAND LIBERAL.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—Rural England is now being polled and is returning Liberals to the parliament with the same enthusiasm as is already displayed by the towns.

WILL NOT COME.

Czar Afraid to Come to St. Petersburg This Year.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 18.—Dis-trustful of the spirit of the Capitol and perhaps remembering the incident of last January, when one of the saluting guns showered grape on the imperial chapel. The Emperor will not come to St. Petersburg for the ceremony of the blessing of the waters of the Neva tomorrow.

GIVEN PASSPORTS

French Government Hands Venezuelan Minister Papers.

IS ESCORTED TO FRONTIER

France Breaks Off All Relations With Venezuela and Gives Venezuelan Minister His Walking Ticket. Escorted to Belgian Frontier.

PARIS, Jan. 18.—The government to night issued a note that M. Taigny was prevented from landing from the steamer Martinique at Lagayra, Sunday on the pretext that he was not provided with a sanitary certificate. Instructions sent by the Martinique ordered M. Taigny to leave Venezuela and at the time a French cruiser was en route to get him. The note says that although diplomatic relations were suspended for several days diplomatic immunity should have protected him from all vexatious measures. For this reason the government today handed his passport to the Venezuelan charge in France, M. Mabourguet, and took measures to have him immediately conducted to the Belgian frontier.

HONORS CONSTITUTION.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—After paying a tribute to the Frigate Constitution today and ordering an investigation to ascertain the annual amount necessary to preserve the ship the house devoted the day to the perfection and passage of a bill providing for the final disposition of the affair of the civilized tribes of Indian Territory.

TILLMAN'S RESOLUTION FAILS TO PASS SENATE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Tillman today presented his resolution in the senate directing an investigation of the removal of Mrs. Morris from the White House. The resolution provoked no debate and Tillman contented himself with a brief statement that he would not have introduced it, had he not been taunted by Hale. Daniel moved that the resolution be laid on the table which carried by a vote of fifty-four to eight. The remainder of the day was devoted to speeches on the pure food and merchant marine bills.

BIG COMMISSION HOUSE SUSPENDS OPERATIONS

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—Announcement was made today of the suspension of the Grain and Commission firm of McReynolds and Company, one of the best known firms on the Board of Trade. Affairs will be wound up and the firm will go out of business. It is stated the creditors will be paid in full and the assets will be fully equal to the liabilities. General manager Babcock of the firm said the suspension was due to high office expenses and a poor run of business. It is not believed the suspension will have any effect on the Board of Trade tomorrow.